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Elks seek donations for WW II memorial

To assist with the construction of the national World War II memorial to honor those Americans who served overseas and on the home front, members of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks nationwide are seeking donations from its membership.

Congress approved legislation authorizing the building in 1993. The memorial will be constructed in Washington, D.C., on the National Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. The memorial is expected to cost \$100 million and funding will come almost entirely from private donations, according to the Elks. Approximately \$70 million has been raised and groundbreaking is expected to occur on Veterans Day.

As of Jan. 30, Elks nationwide have donated more than \$240,000. The Middletown Elks Lodge No. 2179 also is supporting the fund-raising effort.

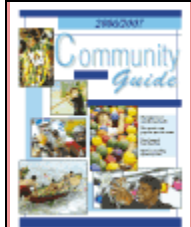
The memorial will include a Registry of Remembrances. Names of those who served in the armed forces or on the home front during the war may be submitted for inclusion. For additional information on the memorial, registry, or how to make a donation, visit the memorial's Web site at www.wwiimemorial.com or call 1 (800) 639-4WW2.

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